



**ALBERTA  
FOUNDATION  
FOR  
NURSING  
RESEARCH**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**March 31, 1984**



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### INTRODUCTION

|                                               |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|
| Chairman's Report .....                       | 1 |
| History of the Foundation .....               | 2 |
| Board of Directors — Terms of Reference ..... | 2 |

### FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

|                                            |   |
|--------------------------------------------|---|
| Board of Directors' Report .....           | 5 |
| Scientific Review Committee's Report ..... | 6 |
| Visibility Committee's Report .....        | 7 |
| Evaluation Committee's Report .....        | 7 |

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

|                                               |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines ..... | 9  |
| 1983 Awards .....                             | 9  |
| The Competition Process .....                 | 10 |

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Grants .....                  | 11 |
| Administrative Expenses ..... | 12 |

### APPENDIX

|                                                            |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Members of the Board and Scientific Review Committee ..... | 13 |
| Grant Categories .....                                     | 14 |



# INTRODUCTION

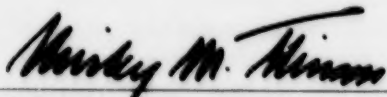
## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This report constitutes an account of the first full year of operation of the Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research. The major objectives of the Board for the first year were (1) to establish the process for receiving and reviewing grant applications; (2) to award research grants to those investigators whose proposals met the Foundation's criteria; (3) to give visibility to the Foundation's objectives and research funding opportunities, and publicize the awards given; and (4) to find ways and means of securing special funding to enable the Foundation to appoint an expert nurse researcher as Director, the aim being to provide Alberta nurses with consultation and selected educational services important in the development of nursing research in the Province. As the information presented in this Report indicates, the first three objectives were met. The Board is continuing its search for ways and means of funding a Director, as such a resource person is seen as central to fulfilling the aim of the Foundation: improving nursing practice through research.

The Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research is unique in several respects. Firstly, Alberta is the first provincial/state level of government to designate monies for nursing research. Secondly, while it is usual that foundations employ staff who are technical experts in the field in question, AFNR constitutes an exception to that practice. As such, the scientific credibility of the Foundation depends primarily on the substantive knowledge and contributions of Board members, members of the Scientific Review Committee, external reviewers and various experts in the organization and operation of nursing and health related research councils and foundations. We are, therefore, particularly appreciative of the talent, time and commitment of the many such people who have contributed to this first year of operation. Special acknowledgement is given to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Advanced Education for their assistance and support, and to the Secretariat for the support given by Mr. E. Bruce, Ms. C. Pinto and Ms. S. Proctor; and to Dr. Lionel McLeod, President of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, for his advice and thoroughgoing support of nursing research development. And to the members of the Board, I should like to express my gratitude and admiration for their work in pioneering the development of nursing research.

The Foundation's priorities for the coming year are threefold: to provide a scientifically sound and professionally relevant nursing research funding program; to pursue ways and means of funding and recruiting a Director; and to further explore the relationship of nursing research to the promotion and development of science policy in Alberta.

It is too early to say what will be the impact of this first year of endeavour; but it would not seem too early to say that the Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research constitutes a beginning potential for making Alberta a leader in the development of nursing research and, ultimately, for improving nursing care through research.



Shirley M. Stinson, RN, Ed D, LLD  
Chairman

## HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION

The Government of Alberta has been vitally concerned with the issue of providing high quality nursing care for the past ten years. The Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research was the result of investigations and recommendations in the nursing field over this period. The work began in 1975 when the Alberta Task Force on Nursing Education was formed. The Task Force was given the responsibility of examining nursing education in a broad context and of making recommendations at all levels to improve nursing care. At the completion of their investigations, the Task Force made eighty recommendations to Government officials. These recommendations included: the need for the development of a masters degree program at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary; financial support of doctoral degree students; a research component to the Baccalaureate curriculum; and an upgrading of the minimum education levels for practicing nurses and nurse educators.

In 1977 the Government of Alberta published a Position Paper on Nursing Education in response to the Task Force recommendations. The position paper stated that the Government recognized the need for an increased number of nurses prepared at the graduate level, and that all existing routes for financial support and program availability for higher education would be explored and facilitated. The University of Alberta was given approval for a Master's of Nursing degree program in 1975. The University of Calgary received approval for their Master's program in 1981. With the instigation of the graduate programs came an increase in the potential nursing research activities in the province.

In 1978, a small funding program for nursing research was established by the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN). This program strongly suggested that nursing research could have a wide impact on the improvement of nursing care, but substantial funding was needed. In 1981 a plan for the systematic development of nursing research was proposed by the AARN. The plan called for an 'Alberta Nursing Research Institute' as a university based organization jointly operated by the Universities of Alberta and Calgary. The AARN looked to the Government of Alberta for support for this Institute.

In 1981 the Government responded to the need

for nursing research by setting aside one million dollars specifically for this purpose. The Nursing Manpower and Education Implementation Committee was charged with the responsibility of advising the Government with respect to the establishment and ongoing development of a suitable framework for the nursing research fund. The Implementation Committee considered the issue in some detail to ensure that the funds were used in the most effective and efficient manner possible for the advancement of nursing research. The Committee recommended that an independent nursing research body be established, called the 'Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research' (AFNR). In October 1982, the Foundation was established to administer the one million dollar fund over the following five years.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS — TERMS OF REFERENCE

On October 6, 1982, James D. Horsman, Minister of Advanced Education established a Board through Ministerial Order to be called the Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research. A Board of Directors was established for the Foundation with the following representation:

|                                              |   |
|----------------------------------------------|---|
| The University of Alberta                    | 2 |
| The University of Calgary                    | 2 |
| The University of Lethbridge                 | 1 |
| The Alberta Association of Registered Nurses | 2 |
| Government Appointed Members-at-Large        | 3 |
| The Alberta Hospital Association             | 1 |
| The Alberta Public Health Association        | 1 |

The Chairman was appointed from the individuals chosen as representatives for the above positions. Each Board member was appointed for a specified term, with members being replaced on a staggered basis. A list of the Board Members may be found in the Appendix.

The Board was given the authority to make rules governing the calling, procedure, and conduct of meetings and other matters pertaining to the Foundation's business and affairs. The Board was requested to identify the areas of nursing research worthy of support and to provide a mechanism for evaluating research proposals and distributing funds. In order to enhance the development of nursing research and promote the integration of nursing research, practice, education

and administration, the Board was given authority to engage in the following activities:

- i) improvement or development of nursing research communication networks;
- ii) provision of consultation amongst those engaged in nursing research;
- iii) development and expansion of research training for nurses;
- iv) raising of funds from private sources for nursing research; and

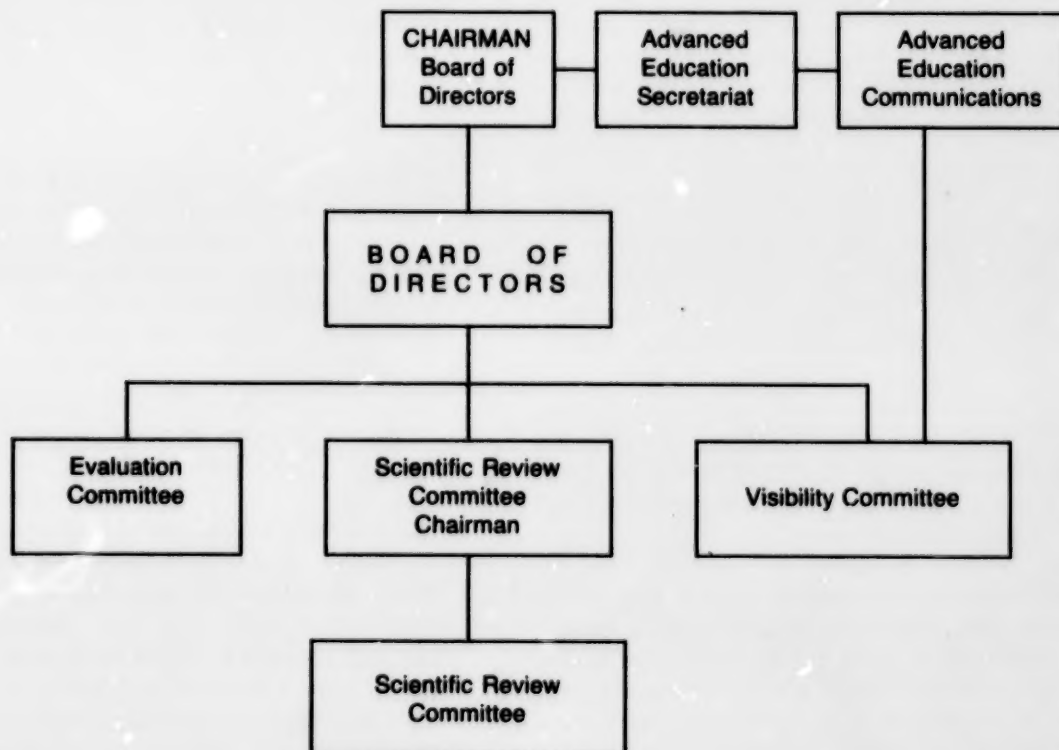
- v) facilitation of collaboration and active participation between universities and clinical agencies in nursing research.

Administrative support for the Foundation is provided by the Department of Advanced Education through a secretariat consisting of a senior program consultant, a research officer, and a clerk-typist. The organizational structure of the Foundation is shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1**

**Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research**

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**





## **FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Board of Directors' were appointed by Ministerial Order on October 6, 1982, and conducted their first meeting October 13, 1982. The Board met once more in 1982, four times in 1983 and in January, 1984. The Board focused immediately on the need to develop a working structure for the Foundation, and to develop guidelines which could be utilized to distribute research funds. The Board identified its major objective, which later became the Foundation's central aim. This aim is 'to enhance the quality and quantity of nursing research in Alberta for the purpose of improving nursing practice'.

#### ***Grant Categories***

The Board began its work by identifying three areas considered of utmost importance in meeting the Foundation's objectives. These areas included research investigations, particularly investigations which have relevance to nursing practice in any setting; educational training of researchers; and the communication of nursing research.

The Board then designated six categories of grants which would provide support in the three areas identified. The six categories specified were:

- (1) A Research Project category for investigations which apply to the solution or management of problems pertaining to nursing practice;
- (2) A Demonstration/Evaluation Project category for projects which involve the implementation and evaluation of innovations in the organization or delivery of nursing care;
- (3) A Research Fellowship category which provides nurses with paid salary time solely for the purpose of conducting research investigations;
- (4) A Facilitation Grant category which provides funds to nurses who wish to develop innovative ideas into feasible research grant proposals;
- (5) A Student Research Allowance category which provides students with funds to help meet research related expenses; and,
- (6) A Conference and Workshop category for conferences or workshops designed to facilitate and/or communicate the development of nursing research.

Detailed descriptions of the grant categories are presented in the Appendix.

#### ***Guidelines***

The Board produced a guideline package to assist nurses applying for funding in the categories noted above. The guideline package contains detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, instructions for submitting proposals, application forms, and the legal agreement which must be signed if an applicant is awarded a grant. Details of the guideline package are presented under 'Research Activities'.

#### ***Scientific Review Process***

The Board was required to develop a mechanism through which a review of research proposals could be completed. A Scientific Review Committee (SRC) was established as an advisory body to recommend to Board members the funding of scientifically sound proposals consistent with the aim and objectives of the Foundation. The Committee was composed of five members, four of whom were appointed from nominations received from the nursing and non-nursing research communities. The Committee reviewed the proposals and obtained two external reviewers for each proposal from researchers in the nursing and non-nursing research communities, some of them being researchers in other countries.

#### ***Visibility***

The Visibility Committee was struck to create awareness of the Foundation through publicity material and the promotion of Foundation activities. The Visibility Committee obtained a Foundation logo; printed and distributed brochures, information sheets and packages; produced a display unit and posters; advertised the Foundation's competitions; and obtained media coverage of Foundation activities.

#### ***Evaluation***

An Evaluation Committee was formed to produce a self-evaluation mechanism that would enable the Board to assess the performance of the Foundation on an annual basis. The evaluation proposed consists of an assessment of the Foundation's progress in meeting its objectives, an assessment of administrative effectiveness, and data collection on research projects and proposals.

## **Director**

From the outset of the Foundation the Board of Directors identified the need for a Director. The Director, who would be an expert nurse researcher, would provide consultation and education services to assist nurses in developing solid research proposals, communicate nursing research, and coordinate public relations and administrative affairs. The Board was unsuccessful in obtaining funds for this position from the Government in the 1983/84 fiscal year, but continues to seek support from other sources because of their strong belief that such a person would be instrumental in assuring that the Foundation's aim and objectives are met.

## **Special Topics**

A number of special topics were discussed by the Board in producing policy and procedure guidelines. The topics included potential conflict of interest, ownership, copyright, and patent rights of nurse researchers receiving AFNR grants. As to potential conflict of interest of Board members applying for AFNR grants, the final decision was to allow Board members to apply for funding, due to the extensive nature of the review process. Board members are excluded from participating in any way in the discussions and/or voting procedures pertaining to their research grant application.

## **August 1st Competition, 1983**

The Foundation's first competition closed August 1, 1983 with 25 proposals being submitted. Twenty-three of the proposals were sufficiently complete to forward to the SRC for review. The Board approved funding of seven of the proposals. Through the review process, the Board and SRC identified a number of difficulties with the Guidelines and grant categories, as initially established. The Guidelines and grant categories were therefore revised for the March 1, 1984 competition. The funding categories available for the March 1, 1984 competition are presented in the Appendix.

## **SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

The Scientific Review Committee (SRC) was formed by the Board of Directors on March 15, 1983. The Board appointed Dr. J. MacPhail as the Chairman of the SRC. The Committee was com-

posed of four additional members, three of whom were chosen from nominations of 25 nurses actively involved in nursing research and one member was chosen from nominations of 16 non-nursing research professionals. A list of the Committee members may be found in the Appendix.

The SRC was established as an advisory body to recommend to Board members the funding of scientifically sound proposals consistent with the aim and objectives of the Foundation. Specifically the SRC was required to:

- a) serve as primary and secondary reviewers to establish
  - i) eligibility of proposals,
  - ii) congruence of proposals with AFNR aims and objectives, and
  - iii) scientific merit of proposals,
- b) secure external reviewers for proposals, and
- c) rank proposals and provide written recommendations to the Board.

The SRC met on July 5, 1983 to familiarize themselves with the Foundation's work, to review their Terms of Reference, to outline the procedure for allocation of grant proposals to internal and external reviewers, and to establish assessment guidelines and a reviewers' rating form.

Proposals from the August 1st competition were distributed to Committee members, and subsequently reviewed at the October 4-5, 1983 meeting. The SRC's recommendations to the Board classified proposals into one of the following four categories:

- a) funding recommended
- b) funding recommended contingent upon satisfactory response to the SRC's questions
- c) funding not recommended, but resubmission encouraged after consideration of the SRC's comments, or
- d) funding not recommended.

The Chairman of the SRC prepared a summary of the reviewers' comments for each proposal. This summary was used for presentation to the Board of Directors, and as the basis for providing constructive feedback to applicants. After completing the review process, the SRC made a number of recommendations to the Board regarding the grant Guidelines, and the reviewers' rating form.

## **VISIBILITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

The Visibility Committee was struck on January 25, 1983 to advise the Board of Directors on the selection of a Foundation logo. Dr. J. MacPhail chaired the Committee composed of Mrs. M. King Collier, Mrs. M. Knox and Dr. J. Kikuchi. On March 15, 1983 Mrs. M. King Collier assumed the duty of Chairman, as Dr. J. MacPhail became the Chairman of the Scientific Review Committee. The Committee's mandate then expanded to include activities related to the publicity and promotion of Foundation activities. The Committee worked closely with Communications staff of Advanced Education to increase the visibility of the Foundation.

The Committee developed a brochure which contained information on nursing research history in Alberta, Foundation objectives, categories of grants available, competition deadlines, and eligibility criteria. The brochure was distributed at selected professional conventions, in response to information requests, and to health care administrators/Directors of Nursing, educational institutions, and related groups and associations.

The Committee obtained a portable three panel display unit which was utilized at convention booths. A logo and Foundation colours were chosen and incorporated into Foundation material. The logo is a visual symbol which assists in creating the Foundation's image.

Using the logo and the Foundation's name, a poster was produced to provide visual effects at news conferences, and for the display booth at nursing conferences. The poster was also distributed and displayed in health care and educational institutions.

Information sheets and packages were produced, and distributed by Board members at the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Alberta Public Health Association, and Alberta Hospital Association conventions. Three advertisements notifying nurses of the Foundation's competitions were placed in the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses' Newsletter, which is received by Alberta's 20,000 Registered Nurses. Articles on the Foundation appeared in the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses' Newsletter and the Alberta Public Health Association's Newsletter.

The Communications staff organized a news conference to announce the recipients of the Foundation's first grant competition. A pre-conference release, and a media kit were

prepared by Communications staff. The media kit included a news release, feature articles, contact personnel, and background information on the Foundation. Coverage was received in various parts of the Province from two television stations, eleven radio stations, three newspapers, and a university research report. The publicity campaign was considered very successful.

## **EVALUATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

The Evaluation Committee was formed in response to the Board members' recognition of the need for a self-evaluation mechanism that would enable them to assess the performance of the Foundation on an annual basis. The Committee is composed of Dr. Kerr, Dr. Kikuchi and Dr. Scott Wright (chairperson).

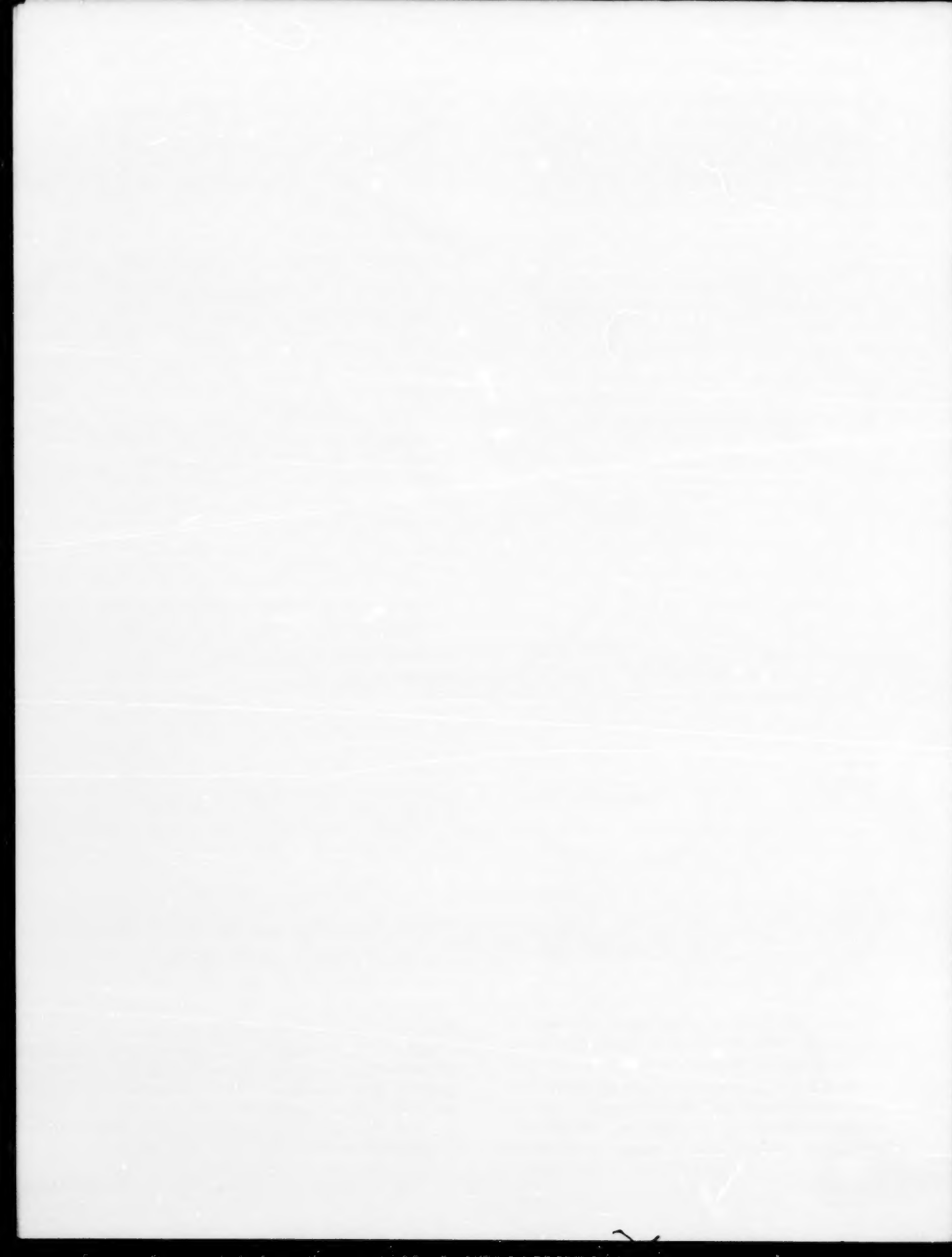
The evaluation produced by the Committee in conjunction with the Secretariat is composed of three parts:

- (1) evaluation of the attainment of Foundation objectives,
- (2) evaluation of the administration of the Foundation, and
- (3) data collection on funded projects and proposals submitted to the Foundation.

The evaluation of the Foundation objectives groups the objectives into five areas, and makes provision for the collection of data required in each area. The five areas include 1) the development of research skills of nurses, 2) the increase in the amount of research conducted, 3) increased awareness of nurses in Alberta, 4) increased awareness of the public sector, and 5) the need for continued nursing research and expanded funding.

The evaluation of the administration of the Foundation consists of five components, and the key assessment indicators necessary to evaluate these components. The five components include 1) communication between the Government and the Foundation, 2) effectiveness of the Board and Committees, 3) administrative funding, 4) publicity, and 5) administrative support.

Data collection on proposals submitted to the Foundation and projects funded is collected through an individual questionnaire. The information collected includes demographic data on applicants, grant information, the Foundation's rating of the grant proposal and, if applicable, project impact on completion and two years after completion.



## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

#### *Requirements*

To be considered eligible for funding applicants must:

- (1) be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident,
- (2) be a Registered Nurse or a student registered in a baccalaureate degree nursing program, and
- (3) hold an appointment in, or have an affiliation with, a health care agency, educational institution, or other organization in Alberta.

#### *Guidelines*

The Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research produced a set of Guidelines, which were available to all individuals interested in submitting an application to the Foundation. The Guidelines contain three sections. Section I includes information on the Foundation's objectives, the categories of grants available, eligibility criteria, application requirements, budget guidelines, transfer of project and unspent funds information, termination procedures, renewal information, and ownership rights. Section I also includes a brief description of the selection process and criteria used, information on the financial administration of grants if awarded, and information on the interim and final reports which must be submitted by funded recipients. Sections II and III include instructions for submitting proposals, and AFNR application forms. The instructions for submitting proposals provide detailed specifications on information which must be included in all applications, as well as specific information required for individual grant categories. The application forms include demographic data, resume information, a budget proposal and a project summary.

The Guidelines also include a Grants-in-Aid Agreement. This Agreement outlines the responsibilities required by each party where a grant is awarded. The affiliated agency or institution, the principal investigator, the Foundation's Chairman and the Minister of Advanced Education (or his designate) are required to sign this Agreement prior to funds being released to a recipient.

## 1983 AWARDS

On December 5, 1983, Dr. S. Stinson, Chairman of the Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research announced the first recipients of the Foundation's research grants. The research proposals funded are listed below.

#### *Research Projects*

Professors A. Anderson and B. Anderson  
— \$7,752

Faculties of Nursing, University of Alberta and  
University of Calgary.

"Maternal-Twin Interaction During the First  
Year of Life"

Dr. E. Davies — \$5,464

Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

"Children's Responses to the Death of a  
Sibling"

#### *Demonstration/Evaluation Projects*

Dr. J. Morse — \$1,379

Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

"The Establishment of a Directory for Completed Master's Theses in Nursing"

#### *Facilitation Grants*

Ms. M. Churchill and Ms. E. Webster — \$1,420  
Public Health Nurses, City of Lethbridge Health  
Unit

"Parental and Community Health Nurse Expectations Toward Content and Conduct of the Well-Baby Clinic of a Six-Month Old Infant's Second or Third Visit to a Community Health Unit"

#### *Student Research Allowances*

Ms. J. Bell — \$1,000, Ph.D. Candidate

Faculty of Education, University of Calgary

"The Impact of Breast Cancer on the Marital Subsystem"

Ms. M. Reimer — \$1,000, MN Candidate

Faculty of Nursing, University of Calgary

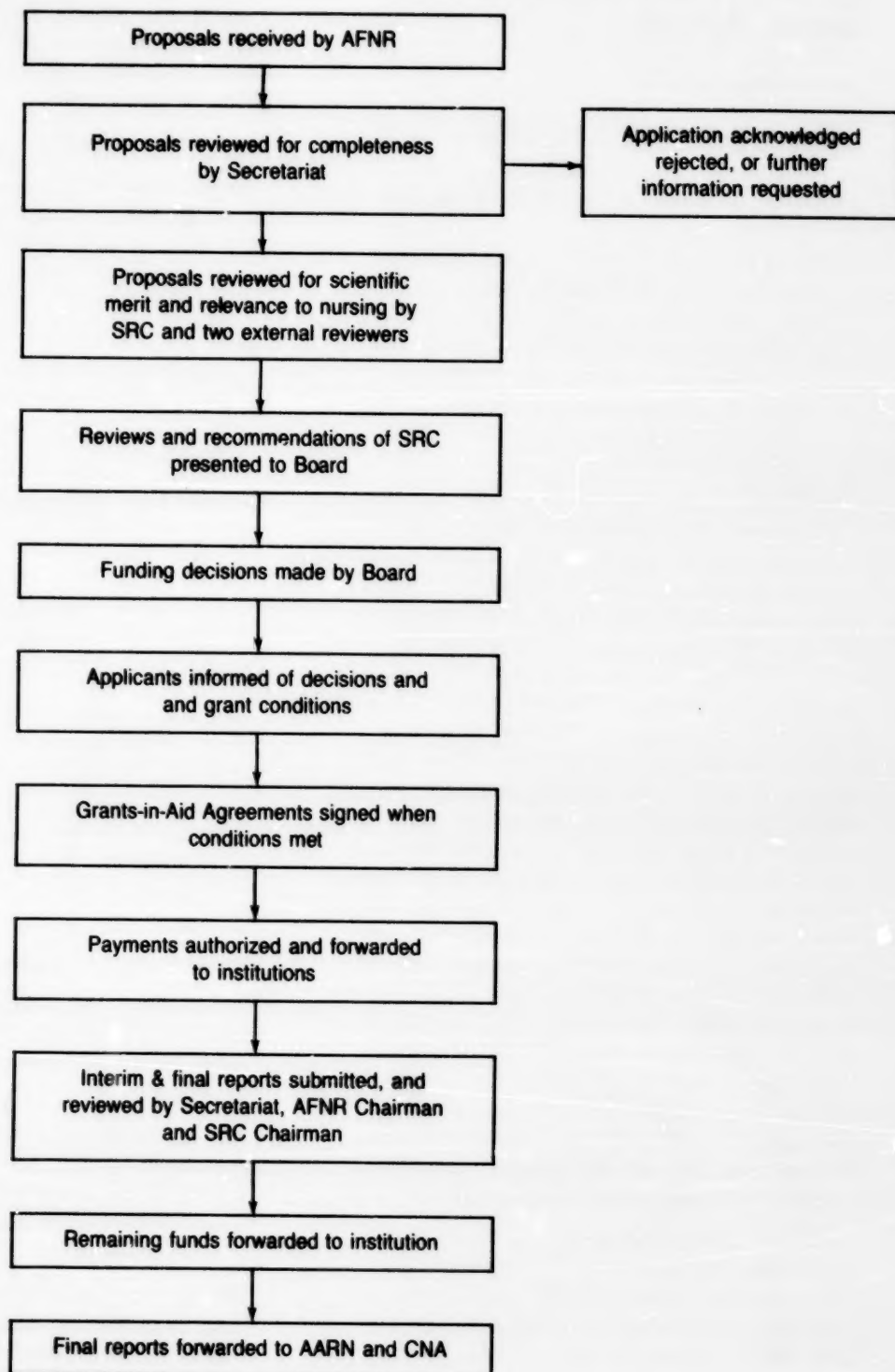
"Nursing Interventions Perceived by Patients and Their Nurses as Facilitating Nocturnal Sleep in Hospital"

Ms. B. Stevens — \$1,000, MN Candidate

Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

"The Effectiveness of Patient Education Follow-up By Telephone on Knowledge of Post-Myocardial Infarction Patients as a Basis for Long-Term Lifestyle Readjustment"

## THE COMPETITION PROCEDURE



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## GRANTS

The Foundation was given a one million dollar budget for five years. Any grant monies not expended within one fiscal year are then rolled over for use in later years. In the 1983/84 fiscal year, \$200,000 was reserved for grants. The following table shows the grant funds awarded during the 1983/84 period. (Ten percent of grant funds are retained pending receipt of the investigator's final report).

**Table 1: Summary of Funds Committed & Disbursed to March 31, 1984**

| Category                              | Funds Committed | Disbursements<br>Apr. 1/83-Mar. 1/84 | Balance<br>Owing |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Research Projects                     | \$13,216        | \$11,894                             | \$1,322          |
| Demonstration/<br>Evaluation Projects | \$ 1,379        | \$ 1,241                             | \$ 138           |
| Facilitation Grants                   | \$ 1,420        | \$ 1,278                             | \$ 142           |
| Conferences/Workshops                 | —               | —                                    | —                |
| Student Research<br>Allowances        | \$ 3,000        | \$ 2,700                             | \$ 300           |
| Research Fellowship                   | —               | —                                    | —                |
|                                       | <u>\$19,015</u> | <u>\$17,113</u>                      | <u>\$1,902</u>   |

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Department of Advanced Education provides a separate administrative budget to the Foundation. The following table shows the Foundation's administrative expenses for the 1983/84 fiscal year.

**Table 2: Statement of Administrative Expenses  
To March 31, 1984**

|                                                    |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Honoraria .....                                    | \$ 4,970.00        |
| Board Meeting Expenses .....                       | \$ 6,354.68        |
| Scientific Review Committee Meeting Expenses ..... | \$ 4,123.11        |
| Advertising .....                                  | \$ 1,344.50        |
| Publicity Material and Printing .....              | \$ 4,880.04        |
| Supplies .....                                     | \$ 771.90          |
| Postage .....                                      | \$ 886.54          |
| Miscellaneous .....                                | \$ 182.10          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                                      | <b>\$23,512.87</b> |

## APPENDIX

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| Name                       | Representing                             | Term    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Dr. Shirley M. Stinson     | Chairman (U. of Alta.)                   | 3 years |
| Dr. Jannetta MacPhail      | University of Alberta                    | 5 years |
| Dr. Margaret Scott Wright  | University of Calgary                    | 5 years |
| Mrs. Margaret King Collier | Alberta Public Health Association        | 3 years |
| Dr. Kathryn Hannah         | University of Calgary                    | 3 years |
| Mrs. Fernande Harrison     | Alberta Hospital Assoc.                  | 3 years |
| Dr. Gerald Kenyon          | University of Lethbridge                 | 4 years |
| Dr. Janet Kerr             | Alberta Association of Registered Nurses | 5 years |
| Dr. June Kikuchi           | Alberta Association of Registered Nurses | 3 years |
| Mr. Sid Vandermeulen       | Public                                   | 4 years |
| Mrs. Islay Arnold          | Public                                   | 5 years |
| Mrs. Mary Knox             | Public                                   | 5 years |

#### SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

| Name                   | Institution                                                        | Term    |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Dr. Jannetta MacPhail  | Chairman (U. of Alta., and AFNR Board Member)                      | 2 years |
| Dr. Jacqueline Chapman | Faculty of Nursing<br>University of Toronto                        | 1 year  |
| Dr. Joan Shaver        | Department of<br>Physiological Nursing<br>University of Washington | 2 years |
| Ms. Norma Thurston     | Nursing Research<br>Co-ordinator Foothills<br>Hospital             | 2 years |
| Dr. Ian Whishaw        | Department of Psychology<br>University of Lethbridge               | 1 year  |

## GRANT CATEGORIES

The Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research accepted proposals in the following categories for the August 1, 1983 competition.

**Research Projects** — Original investigations, replication studies or studies using existing data which apply to the solution or management of problems pertaining to nursing practice.

**Demonstration/Evaluation Projects** — Projects which involve the implementation and evaluation of innovations in the organization and delivery of nursing care.

**Facilitation Grants** — To enable the development of interesting and innovative ideas into feasible research grant proposals concerning nursing practice.

**Conferences/Workshops** — To conduct provincial, national or international conferences or workshops which are designed to facilitate and/or communicate the development of nursing research content and methods.

**Student Research Allowances** — To assist full-time students enrolled in baccalaureate and masters programs in nursing or related Ph.D. programs to meet research-related expenses incurred while conducting independent investigations (project, thesis, dissertation).

**Research Fellowship** — To enable Registered Nurses who are employed full-time in health care agencies or who hold full-time academic appointments in post-secondary institutions to commit a minimum of one-third of their time to research.

The Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research accepted proposals in the following categories for the March 1, 1984 competition.

**Research Projects** — Original investigations, replication studies or studies using existing data which apply to the solution or management of problems pertaining to nursing practice.

**Demonstration/Evaluation Projects** — Projects which involve the implementation and evaluation of innovations in the organization and delivery of nursing care or education.

**Facilitation Grants** — To enable the development of interesting ideas into feasible research grant proposals concerning nursing practice and education.

**Conferences/Workshops** — To conduct provincial, national or international conferences or workshops which are designed to facilitate and/or communicate the development of nursing research.

**Student Research Bursary** — To assist baccalaureate degree nursing students or Registered Nurses enrolled in masters or Ph.D. programs to meet research-related expenses incurred while conducting independent investigations (project, thesis, dissertation).